

HEALTH AND NUTRITION FUNDING

Overview

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provide supplemental funding for several health and nutrition programs to prevent, prepare, and respond to the coronavirus. This fact sheet will be updated when more information is available on the funding for these programs.

Information will be available on related topics, including child care/early childhood organizations, non-profits, victim services, seniors, financial assistance for health care providers, telehealth, and health resources, on Senator Schatz's [coronavirus webpage](#).

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The CARES Act includes \$15.5 billion in additional funding for SNAP to ensure that all Americans receive the food they need. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act also provided flexibility to waive SNAP program requirements to increase access.

For more information on accessing SNAP benefits in Hawaii, please visit this [website](#).

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act provided \$500 million to provide access to nutritious foods to low-income pregnant women or mothers with young children who lose their jobs or are laid off due to the COVID-19 emergency. The bill also provided flexibility to waive program requirements to increase access.

For more information on accessing WIC benefits in Hawaii, please visit this [website](#).

Child Nutrition Programs

The CARES Act includes \$8.8 billion in additional funding for Child Nutrition Programs to ensure children receive meals while school is not in session. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act also provided flexibility to waive program requirements to increase access.

For more information on Child Nutrition Programs in Hawaii, please visit: [the Hawaii DOE](#).

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

The CARES Act provides \$450 million for the TEFAP to ensure that food banks can assist those Americans most in need. This is in addition to \$400 million for TEFAP in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

For more information on accessing food from food banks:

- City and County of Honolulu: [Hawaii Food Bank](#)
- Maui County: [Maui Food Bank](#)
- Kauai County: [Hawaii Food Bank – Kauai](#)
- Hawaii County: [The Food Basket](#)

Programs for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

The CARES Act includes \$955 million to support aging and disability services programs, including:

- \$200 million for supportive services (Title III-B of the Older Americans Act (OAA))
- \$480 million for nutrition services (Title III-C of the OAA)
- \$20 million for nutrition services (Title VI of the OAA)

- \$100 million for support services for family caregivers (Title III-E of the OAA);
- \$20 million for elder rights protection activities (Title VII of the OAA);
- \$50 million for aging and disability resource centers (Under the OAA); and
- \$85 million for centers for independent living.

The bill also waives requirements for OAA programs to ensure seniors have access to meals.

This is in addition to the \$250 million in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for senior nutrition services (under Title III-C of the OAA) to provide approximately 25 million additional home-delivered and pre-packaged meals to low-income seniors. This funding provides meals to low-income seniors:

- who are home-bound;
- who have disabilities;
- who have multiple chronic illnesses; and
- caregivers for seniors who are home-bound.

For information on accessing senior services in your local area, please contact your county office on aging, or the [Hawaii Aging and Disability Resource Center](#):

- Honolulu: (808)768-7705, www.elderlyaffairs.com
- Hawaii: (808)961-8600, www.hcoahawaii.org
- Maui/Molokai/Lanai: (808)270-7774, <http://www.co.maui.hi.us/departments/Housing/aging.htm>
- Kauai: (808)241-4470, www.kauai.gov/elderly

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

The CARES Act includes \$90 million for Ryan White HIV/AIDS programs.

For more information:

- Hawaii Island: [Hawai'i Island HIV/AIDS Foundation](#)
- Maui County: [Maui AIDS Foundation](#)
- Oahu: [Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center](#)
- Kauai: [Malama-Pono Health Services](#)

Mental Health Programs

The CARES Act includes \$425 million through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase access to mental health services through Community Behavioral Health Clinics, suicide prevention programs, and emergency response funding.

Personal Protective Equipment and Other Critical Medical Supplies

The CARES Act provides billions for states and the federal government to purchase personal protective equipment and other critical medical supplies.

Nursing Homes

The CARES Act includes \$200 million for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to assist nursing homes with infection control and support states' efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus in nursing homes.